

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Tonita Gurulé-Girón

COUNCILORS: Vincent Howell
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.
Barbara A. Casey
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Trujillo, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilor Howell asked for everyone to keep in mind and pray for the people and their families who have been affected by the recent natural disasters that occurred in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Houston, Florida and Caribbean.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Casey made a motion to move Executive Session after Presentations. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26th, July 31st, August 9th and August 14th, 2017 with corrections sent to City Clerk Fresquez. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that there were no appointments at this time although informed that discussion with committee members had taken place regarding members continuing to show up and possible changes to committees. Mayor Gurulé-Girón informed that committees were not running well at this time and would bring back to Council for approval.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that there were no Recognitions or Proclamations at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

EDC Executive Director Bill Hendrickson briefly spoke on accomplishments made by the EDC since July and informed that they had been awarded \$132,000.00 in grants which included:

1. \$5,000.00- Airport Marketing (To Promote LV Municipal Airport at upcoming Air shows, Business Aviation Show)
2. \$14,000.00- Commercial Kitchen "La Cocina" from Siete del Norte (Management/Maintenance for first 6 months)
3. \$113,000.00-State Economic Development- SOLO Work Program (Train, Promote & Place 18 remote jobs in the community-starting pay \$9.00-\$10.00 an hour)

Mr. Hendrickson advised that the EDC was working with Luna Community College on setting up the training center and work space for the SOLO program and reported they look forward to creating a trained workforce through the SOLO program that can look forward to good paying jobs. Mr. Hendrickson reported that they have hired a local as the Director of the program and added that he looks forward to presenting Council on the progress of the program.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked who would administer the grants.

Mr. Hendrickson advised that EDC would be administering the grants.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked when EDC had received the funding.

Mr. Hendrickson informed that the \$5,000.00 for the airport was reimbursable and would have to spend the funds first in order to be reimbursed. The \$14,000.00 was received at the end of August and also advised that regarding the \$113,000.00, they would be given \$50,000.00 to start the program and then for every person placed in a job, they would be reimbursed to cover expenses of \$3,500.00 that would total the \$113,000.00.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked how the spending would be reported.

Mr. Hendrickson informed that they were required to provide a detailed report back to the State Economic Development regarding information of the hiring.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked how much of the money had to go back into the community.

Mr. Hendrickson informed that it would go back into the community for training, being reimbursed for training costs for directors and people they placed and added that the only cost would be a \$50.00 application fee. Mr. Hendrickson stated that the \$3,500.00 would cover the cost of paying other vendors for the training program.

Cindy Collins advised that she wanted to remind everyone about the National Campaign beginning on Monday, giving everyone the opportunity to vote for Las Vegas to win \$150,000.00 to fund the E. Romero Hose Building as a museum. Ms. Collins informed that Las Vegas was the only one out of 25 contestants from New Mexico and that they were determined to win and they chose E. Romero due to the need of historic renovation and because it had important cultural meaning to the community. Ms. Collins advised that MainStreet was spending \$10,000.00 to promote the campaign with billboards, flyers, banners and a street party with many festivities on Bridge Street taking place on October 6th. Ms. Collins added that New Mexico MainStreet was helping with another \$10,000.00 for graphic design and marketing to promote the campaign as well as the Las Vegas Optic printing an exclusive story and she encouraged everyone to visit MainStreet on face book to help win the contest.

Wid Slick stated that there was an old adage, "We are what we eat". Mr. Slick advised that City staff had complained that there was not enough Gross Receipt Tax (GRT) coming in and added that Lodgers Tax was the City's advertising budget and by spending it, the City's GRT revenues would increase. Mr. Slick reported that instead of spending Lodgers tax, City staff leaves 2/3 of each year's Lodgers Tax collections unspent and that in 2017 the City had contracted to advertise through Cisneros who advised that the City staff had given no direction for them to spend the last \$61,000.00 of the contract, with only one quarter of the contract left to go. Mr. Slick repeated what Cindy Collins stated regarding the City of Las Vegas and the National Campaign and advised that City Staff should at least match the \$20,000.00 from the State and MainStreet in order to have a big enough social media advertising budget to win \$150,000.00. Mr. Slick informed

that City Staff, with \$200,000.00 of Lodger's Tax unspent and \$61, 000.00 of Cisneros marketing contract available, allocated only \$ 3,600.00 in Lodgers Tax. Mr. Slick advised that such a small amount was an insult to the National Trust who had selected Las Vegas to this one time national publicity opportunity, to organizations providing \$20,000.00 and to Las Vegas businesses who would benefit from the dollars from curious visitors that this national publicity would bring to Las Vegas and stated that in advertising Las Vegas the new adage was "Mayor and Council are what City staff do".

Joe Carvalko, representative of Amnesty International Group 436 of Las Vegas, New Mexico advised that he was there to ask Council to reconsider the rejection of the refugee resolution presented back in July, declaring Las Vegas' support for the cities of New Mexico that might resettle refugees and informed that a letter had been sent explaining the reasons of Amnesty International wanting to advocate for this resolution. Mr. Carvalko summarized the revised resolution to say, "Acknowledging that the Las Vegas area under present circumstances will not be asked to resettle refugees nevertheless declare support for those cities in New Mexico which are eligible to resettle refugees". Mr. Carvalko felt that this was a straight forward and an honest sentiment of the citizens of Las Vegas and informed that polls had been taken in Las Vegas and many supported the resettlement of refugees. He went on to speak of several refugees that were important to the culture and nature of our country and stated that the United States could afford and support 50,000 refugees and asked Council to approve the revised resolution and to support those cities in New Mexico and looked forward to their leadership in supporting this resolution.

Bob Pearson stated that the poll taken, was available and was taken at the Las Vegas People's fair and gave a brief summary of the poll taken which was based on the question: "What should the US Government do about the global refugee crisis where there are 22 million people who have had to flee their homes and living in wretched conditions in refugee camps". Mr. Pearson shared the results of the poll as follows:

- 5% Do Nothing, not our problem
- 10% Give aid only for people living in refugee camps
- 85% Support the resettlement of 75,000 refugees in US Cities

Mr. Pearson advised that over 250 people from Las Vegas were in favor of resettling refugees in US cities and stated that this was contrary to the vote that was taken by the members of Council two months ago. Mr. Pearson advised that the resolution was rewritten to take into account some of the misinformation that was presented to Council when voted on and reiterated that they did not expect refugees to come to Las Vegas. Mr. Pearson reported the purposes of this Resolution were as follows:

1. Commend the cities which are able to welcome refugees
2. Send the message to Governor Susanna Martinez – “Anti-refugee statements do not reflect the opinions of the people in Las Vegas”
3. Send message to our legislatures to try and increase the number of refugees that come to the U.S.

Mr. Pearson felt that the refugee program was being attacked by Administration and trying to spread fear of terrorism, economic impact and felt that our safety would not be compromised and stated that he had difficulty in seeing any reason why Council should not give this revised resolution their wholehearted support.

Rosalie Lopez advised that she had spoken before regarding the refugee resolution and felt that the points made by others were all valid although asked that we think of the number of people that were fleeing for their lives to countries that were already overwhelmed with refugees. Ms. Lopez stated that the United States should take a part of those refugees, find settlement areas and provide support and resources for them and added that Las Vegas did not have the resources to help them but had the ability to support the communities taking in the refugees. Ms. Lopez stated that this support was an important gesture that the City of Las Vegas was proud of and hoped that Council would reconsider the resolution.

Sonya Berg advised that she spoke in August at a Council meeting regarding the refugee resolution and at the time was flummoxed as to what caused the change in some of the votes that they thought were solid and had suggested that she would like to hear the reasoning of the three Councilors that voted against the resolution and had not received any indication from them. Ms. Berg informed she was there to support the revised resolution and reminded Council it was only about refugees, not about immigrants and it was not about making Las Vegas a Sanctuary city. Ms. Berg stated that this was a gesture from the heart to refugees

in need and was asking on behalf of the members of Amnesty International and the community for Council to take a second look at the resolution.

Pat Leahan advised she was there to speak about the refugee resolution and asked Council to bring it back and read it because it had nothing to do with bringing refugees to Las Vegas and that it would cost Las Vegas nothing. Ms. Leahan stated that Council should share publicly with the community as to why they voted against the resolution they had originally supported and felt that in her opinion, she did not receive the truth from a Council member when she asked for their vote and also stated that telling the truth was such a rare thing these days. Ms. Leahan asked Council to please place the resolution on the City Council agenda again soon and to vote a unanimous yes. Ms. Leahan asked of those who would give public input regarding the refugee resolution, to please read the resolution before speaking against it and felt those who previously spoke against it clearly did not read it. Ms. Leahan mentioned the significant, inexcusable error on the part of the editor of the Optic printing that this resolution was about sanctuary for immigrants, despite presenters clearly indicating that it was not. Ms. Leahan advised that those who had given public input against the resolution were wrong and yet City Officials were swayed by their testimony and she was confused about that. Ms. Leahan spoke of some of the findings on a study completed in July by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding the impact of refugees in the U.S. and was never released due to the findings showing that refugees had a positive effect on the economy in the U.S. She read a direct quote from the report to read: *"the internal study found that refugees contributed an estimated 269.1 billion dollars in revenues to all levels of Government"* and stated that that was Federal, State and local taxes that we benefitted from". Ms. Leahan advised that refugees were here legally, vetted and brought in by the U.S. Government and advised that New Mexico was benefitting from that and asked Council to show their economic support for New Mexico by revisiting and passing this refugee resolution which would support 189 people. Ms. Leahan stated that she found it shameful that this resolution had not yet passed and that she barely recognized the heart and soul of her city anymore.

Percyne Gardner stated that she was in support of the refugee resolution and hoped that Council would revisit it and to vote yes since it would not cost the City anything.

Yolanda Cruz advised she would change positions to speak with Carrol Pearson so that she may speak on the refugee resolution topic.

Carrol Pearson stated that she came to Las Vegas in 1983 as a relatively new immigrant to the United States and came with a clear impression of generous, compassionate and also found Las Vegas to be a compassionate town. Mrs. Pearson advised that Las Vegas had many organizations that help people. Mrs. Pearson advised that there were many challenges in Las Vegas although people still try and make things better and added that this passion and involvement makes America great. Mrs. Pearson asked what could be the effect of Council's reconsidering of this resolution and clarified there would be no refugees resettling in Las Vegas and suggested that this was the right thing to do, to recognize that our humanity demands we do something in this huge present refugee crisis. Mrs. Pearson suggested that we need to let the people in Albuquerque know that the people in Las Vegas were grateful to them for their involvement in this huge crisis, working through Catholic Relief Services and the Lutheran Family Services and stated that this resolution would help in doing that. Mrs. Pearson expressed that our involvement with this resolution helps empower our Federal Legislators as they work in Washington urging the country to take its share in the huge need for refugee resettlement and knowing that City councilors here in Las Vegas were behind them and asked Council to please reconsider the refugee resolution.

Yolanda Cruz expressed her thanks to the City Council members who helped advocate on behalf of her parents with the issues of her parents curb. Mrs. Cruz informed while dealing with these issues she submitted a few IPRA requests for information and stated that she did receive a response letter indicating that more time was needed to gather information within 15 days and had not heard back and thought that Administration may have thought the information was not needed since the curb issue had been resolved although had documentation of the submitted request and they should be responded to under the law. Ms. Cruz advised that after hearing Councilor Howells' prayers for people around the world stated that we cannot pray for people around the world if we are not willing to open our arms. Ms. Cruz spoke of the importance of supporting refugees and immigrants and to whole heartedly welcome all people.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked City Clerk Fresquez if the IPRA request had been met.

City Clerk Fresquez advised she would look into the issue seeing as City Clerk's Office does meet their requests.

Joaquin Garofalo expressed his gratitude to everyone who participated in making this year's 4th of July events such an exceptional success and that it was really a premise in why he lived in Las Vegas and felt that the 4th of July Fiestas was the epitome of what we perceive as a great community to live in. Mr. Garofalo urged the City and Governing Body to continue to be progressive in our processes and spoke of moving education forward for our children and mentioned his vision of one high school, "Las Vegas High School" and believed it had the capacity to be a good high school.

Mary J. Whiteman advised that she hoped Council would reconsider the revised resolution and vote yes for it and she believed it was very important, not just in this community but also in the way it would affect how these people were received in other places in the United States. Ms. Whiteman thanked Council and asked for their consideration.

Lalo Sanchez thanked City Manager Trujillo for expediting the order for materials for the drain grates. Mr. Sanchez informed he had attempted to make a request for a welfare check on a mentally handicapped individual at the Police Department and was refused since he was not a relative of the individual and stated that he did not approve of two officers refusing to follow up on that individual. Mr. Sanchez stated that he was concerned that the City did not have enough crosswalks and added that those were safety concerns for all pedestrians and suggested to paint all crosswalks. Mr. Sanchez advised that the property on 2500 block of North Gonzales needed to be cleaned and stated that Code Enforcement had not addressed the issue and had been bringing the issue to the City for about 8 to 10 years. Mr. Sanchez stated that he was not sure if Council Ulibarri, Jr., Representative for District I cared for the district due to tall weeds on Kavanaugh Street, North of New Mexico Avenue and felt it was a shame that no one pays attention to our community and thought that they should.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Abby Sanger and Robert Gonzales who are seeking sponsorship to benefit "A Salute to the Troops Concert and Dance on Sunday, September 24, 2017". Mrs. Sanger informed that this was their 4th annual show with 3 previous shows being held in Albuquerque, N.M. and advised that Robert Gonzales requested to bring to Las Vegas with the help of City Manager Trujillo.

Mrs. Sanger advised that unfortunately due to the short time frame they were low on funding, and that they had presented in front of Lodgers Tax Board to request funding although were informed that they were only an advisory board and could not supply funding. She advised that the reasoning of their presentation was to ask the City for funding, possibly through Lodger's Tax. Mrs. Sanger gave a detailed report regarding funding received from other entities and individuals with collecting \$4,600.00 and also discussed the costs of the event which would total \$8,000.00 and expressed that the funding amount requested was about \$3,000.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Casey made a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to reconvene in to Regular Session and advised that only personnel matters were discussed, no decisions were made and no votes were taken. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Trujillo advised that Joaquin Garofalo would be presenting the recommendations from the Lodgers Tax Board.

Mr. Garofalo on behalf of the Lodgers Tax Board thanked the Governing Body for entrusting the board in making recommendations with Lodgers Tax Budget. Mr. Garofalo stated that they intend to work diligently and to be as productive as possible in order to serve as required of them. Mr. Garofalo stated that they intend to present to the Governing Body, in October, a detailed allocation of funds within the perimeters of the percentages of what they would recommend today. Mr. Garofalo reported that the Lodgers Tax Board voted on not renewing the Cisneros contract which would expire December 31st and recommended to wait on any renewals and this is subject to them providing a detailed recommendation in the near future about any additional contracts on Cisneros. Mr. Garofalo recommended the City to continue to use and maximize the remaining contract through the end of the year since they were a great facility and resource. Mr. Garofalo stated that they recommended that the City continues to utilize MainStreet and any other organizations that help bring in "heads and beds" and funding to Lodgers Tax and gave a detailed report of the Lodgers Tax budget as follows:

Current Lodgers Tax Budget-\$235,000.00

- 20% \$47,000.00-Non Profit Sector (Advertising and Tourism)
- 20% \$47,000.00-Services & Creative Services (Contracts & Art)
- 20% \$47,000.00-Capital Improvement (Driving Tourism)
- 40% \$94,000.00-Specific Advertising Placement

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked if there was a reserve requirement for Lodgers Tax Budget.

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos advised that she did not know of any required reserve although would do research and directed the question to City Attorney Laszlo-Henry.

City Attorney Laszlo-Henry advised that there were requirements as to the percentages on advertisements versus other types of services that were allowable and added that 7/16's must be direct to advertising and tourism specific services. City Attorney Laszlo-Henry stated in regards to the earlier request of the presenters of this weekend's event (outstanding bill), that also authorized Police and Fire protection, sanitation services for tourist related facilities and attractions and events located in the respective municipality.

Councilor Howell thanked Mr. Garofalo for his presentation and asked if recommendations had been given to City Manager Trujillo on how the \$61,000.00 left in the Cisneros contract would be utilized.

Mr. Garofalo advised that there had not been a recommendation given at this time and informed that most of the \$61,000.00 had been allocated to a specific item which would be website maintenance and other maintenance which continues monthly. Mr. Garofalo informed that Lodgers Tax Board intended to revisit Cisneros to see if there were any resources left in the contract in order to make a recommendation.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised Councilor Howell that the deliverables and scope of work was included in the Cisneros contract.

Councilor Howell asked if the budget percentages given were for this current budget starting July 1st.

Mr. Garofalo clarified that the budget percentages reported were for this current fiscal year and apologized for the delay of the presentation due to not having accurate numbers until this point and explained that out of those numbers and the \$235,000.00, some monies had already been allocated and that was the remaining amount. Mr. Garofalo added that if you took the approximate \$300,000.00 budget, there was money in this fiscal half that would be allocated that was already committed to Cisneros and monies matched for the MainStreet grant out of this fiscal year's budget and stated that this was the remaining balance. Mr. Garofalo advised that they were projecting a budget regarding heads and beds and what type of funds would come in to this account and stated that hopefully there would be a percentage left over, a carryover that could be re allocated in a year to come. Mr. Garofalo stated that because of delay and the

time it took to create this budget, they would put emphasis and focus to create the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year budget to be clean and precise and explained that this budget had a carryover from Cisneros from FY2016/2017 and FY 2017/2018 and this contract had a balance carried over and they utilized some of the funding. Mr. Garofalo stated that hopefully they would be more specific on their recommendation and dissect allocations for FY2018/2019 and that they would like recommendations from Council on how to spend them.

City Manager Trujillo advised these percentages would be given to Cisneros, making sure the dollar amounts were correct and stated they would have a lot of dialogue regarding percentages and dollar amounts with Cisneros and input from Lodgers Tax Board.

Councilor Howell asked if the contract with Cisneros would be renewed.

Mr. Garofalo informed that the Cisneros contract would expire December 31st, 2017 and as far as renewing or engaging in an additional contract with Cisneros, he advised that that was still on the table and open for discussion.

Councilor Howell stated that the question asked at the Lodgers Tax meeting which he and Councilor Casey attended, was "why is there always a roll over regarding the budget".

Finance Director Gallegos stated they normally budget \$300,000.00 of revenues in Lodgers Tax and informed that anything left over gets carried over to the following fiscal year and some of the resources that are carried over means they have exceeded the budget and that is a good thing.

City Attorney Laszlo-Henry informed that regarding the question on the carry over, the funds had to be spent within 2 years after being taxed to the Lodgers Tax budget.

Mr. Garofalo advised they would recommend the spending of the carry over first and then allow the carry over to carry over so that they were not in jeopardy of losing those funds.

Councilor Howell asked if the Lodgers Tax Board gave the recommendation for the Gonzalo Concert.

Mr. Garofalo advised that they did not discuss the Gonzalo Concert and that as a board member, could not speak for the board as a whole on this topic.

Councilor Casey stated that when they reviewed the Cisneros contract last year for renewal there were several deliverables not completed and when she asked why they had not been completed, she was informed by Cisneros, that it was due to not having enough money allocated and that the \$200,000.00 that the City paid him, was not enough to cover those deliverables.

Councilor Casey advised that she asked at that time if the Cisneros contract could be revised so that it would not show those deliverables because they would not be completed, due to not having the funds and she stated that was never done.

Councilor Casey advised that she was now stating in open session in front of Mr. Garofalo, so that he knows that if and when he would review the contractual agreement with the Cisneros firm, to make sure there was nothing on the contract that would go over that dollar amount. Councilor Casey advised that the current contract was not a clean contract and that she would like to see, if the Cisneros contract was to be renewed that it would be a clean contract and that there would be enough money to cover those deliverables.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón responded by stating that the City had made it clear that the Cisneros contract would only be utilized as needed and that they were being paid from the actual contractual tie that the City committed to the actual contract, and added that if we did not need them, we would not pay them.

Mr. Garofalo advised that in regards to Cisneros, they felt that their percentages were very appropriate, along the lines of how they could be used. Mr. Garofalo stated that regarding deliverables, they emphasize 40% to ad placement and was the largest sum of money being used as they move forward.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón thanked Mr. Garofalo and stated that she appreciated him and the Lodgers Tax Board members and acknowledged that they were taking the Lodgers Tax Board in a different direction.

Marshall Pool, Animal Welfare Coalition Board member gave a brief “News Items” report which included:

- Mobile Veterinary Surgical Van- Over 60 Cats/Dogs were spayed or neutered (Funded by ASPCA and Animal Protection in Mexico)
- Funded Week-Long Training/ Certification for 1 City of Las Vegas Animal Control Officer
- 3 New Board Members: Donna Rieves, Troy Dennison and Dr. Roxanne Gonzales
- AWC received a better than 91% Live Outcome Rating (Animals taken to the AWC have a better than a 91% chance of getting adopted)

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos reported the Finance Report for the month ending August 31, 2017; she informed that the General Fund Revenue was at 16% and advised that they hope to maintain these percentages. Finance Director Gallegos reported that expenditures were also at 16% and that under General Services, there was an increase of 19% in expenditures due to paying property, liability and Workman’s Compensation Insurance for the first 6 months of the year.

Finance Director Gallegos reported that Recreation Department revenue came in 15% with expenditures being at 15% and advised their biggest expense was employees and advised that Community Services Director Pamela Marrujo and City Manager Trujillo were working on minimizing those costs and they continue to work on additional revenues and mentioned the Recreation Center was hosting a “3 on 3” Tournament.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that Enterprise Funds revenue was 15% and advised the gas revenue had not come in yet and expenditures came in as expected at 15%.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón had a question regarding the 41% expenditure for the Recreation Center under Capital Outlay.

Finance Director Gallegos informed that Community Services Director Marrujo needed equipment for the swimming pool in the beginning of the year.

Councilor Howell asked if the budget and the amendment in the budget were approved.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that the budget did get approved although there had not been an amendment and clarified it was an adjustment of transfers approved by Mayor and Council.

Councilor Howell asked if the Police Department was able to hire the two officers.

City Manager Trujillo advised that at this time they did hire the vacancies and would be meeting with Chief Montano regarding the other two and stated that the Police Department was reviewing the budget regarding new officer expenses and added that it was approved by Mayor and Council.

Councilor Howell asked what the expenses were in hiring a new Police Officer.

Chief of Police Juan Montano informed that some of the expenditures that occur were equipping Officers with uniforms and gear and advised that there were requirements by State Statute which were physicals and psychological exams that need to be provided to new recruits and added that they were very costly.

Councilor Howell asked if the Police Department had the funding to take care of those costs.

Chief of Police Montano advised that currently they had the budget to fill the positions although they did not have the funding for Professional Services. Chief Montano informed that they would have enough funding for the clothing allowance and would be able to equip the five recently hired but advised if they would lose officers to the State Police they might not have the funding to fill those positions and also for the tests required by the State Statute.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that those projections had to be handled prior to the budget close-outs and that meant, it was the responsibility of the Police Department to do so and suggested that transfers in and transfers out needed to be reviewed to determine what needed to be sacrificed in order to determine the needs of the department staff.

Councilor Howell advised Mayor Gurulé-Girón that he did not understand her statement.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón clarified to Councilor Howell that at the time of reviewing and preparing budgets, it was up to each Director to meet with City Manager Trujillo and Finance Director Gallegos to determine what they need in order to have an efficient working budget and that it would be the responsibility of the Director to transfer in or transfer out funds from line items where it was needed to balance out their budgets.

Councilor Howell had concerns of funding not being in place for Police Officers' physical and physiological exams.

Finance Director Gallegos explained that the funding was there to equip Police Officers including the physical and psychological evaluations although stated that Mayor Gurulé-Girón mentioned if there was not enough funding later in the year they would be required to look for additional revenues and move to line items where funding is needed.

Councilor Howell asked if the Police Department budget had been cut.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated for the record "the budget was not cut."

Councilor Casey stated that she begged to differ because at the time that the Police Department review took place there was a \$224,000.00 plus cut to the Police Department over last year. Councilor Casey stated that for it to be said that there were no cuts, was not accurate.

Finance Director Gallegos informed that the \$224,000.00 was the additional payroll cost associated with it and that it was the 27 pay period that occurred last year and did not fund another full payroll. Finance Director Gallegos mentioned the letter received from D.F.A explaining that if the City expended the entire current budget, only one dollar would be left at the end of the year and stated that that would be an issue for Mayor and Council to address.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the consent agenda in to the record as follows:

1. Approval of Resolution #17-35, 2019-2023 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for the City of Las Vegas Senior Center.

Resolution 17-35 was presented as follows:

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 17-35**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN (ICIP)
FOR THE LAS VEGAS SENIOR CENTER**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas recognizes that the financing of public capital projects has become a major concern in New Mexico and nationally; and

WHEREAS, in times of scarce resources, it is necessary to find new financing mechanisms and maximize the use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, systematic capital improvements planning is an effective tool for communities to define their development needs, establish priorities and pursue concrete actions and strategies to achieve necessary project development; and

WHEREAS, this process contributes to local and regional efforts in project identification and selection in short and long range capital planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Las Vegas Governing Body that:

1. The City of Las Vegas has adopted the attached FY 2019-2023 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for the Las Vegas Senior Center, and
2. It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving rational, long-range capital planning and budgeting for New Mexico's infrastructure.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body, this _____ day of September, 2017.

Signed:

Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney

2. Approval of Resolution #17-33 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Resolution 17-33 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION 17-33
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget adjustment request for fiscal year 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, said budget adjustment request was developed on the basis of need and through cooperation with all user departments, elected officials and other department supervisors, please see attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making budget adjustments in the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget;

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this governing body that the budget adjustment request is approved and meets the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2017-2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Municipality of the City of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico hereby approves the budget adjustment request herein above described and respectfully requests approval from the Local Governing Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

RESOLVED: In session this 20th day of September, 2017.

Tonita Gurule-Giron, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney

3. Approval to award RFP 2018-03, Professional Engineering Services to include Grants Consulting, Planning, Design and Engineering Services, for the City of Las Vegas Public Works Department/Municipal Airport to Molzen Corbin and enter into contract negotiations.

4. Approval of Resolution No. 17-32, supporting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Agreement, LVS-17-02 and sponsoring match funds.

Resolution 17-32 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NM
RESOLUTION NO. 17-32**

A resolution authorizing submission of an Application for Airport Aid to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and obligation of Sponsor matching funds, and authorization to accept the resulting Grant offer. The project shall consist of the purchase of snow removal equipment for the Las Vegas Municipal Airport.

WHEREAS; the governing body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico is applying to the Federal Aviation Administration for 90.0% assistance toward the project through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) which FAA commitment can not be formally made until a grant offer is made and accepted, and is anticipating 5.0% assistance from the NMDOT – Aviation Division, and time is of the essence to secure the FAA funding and

WHEREAS; the project is within the City of Las Vegas jurisdiction, and is necessary for the public good and convenience and is to serve the users of the Las Vegas Municipal Airport and

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas is committed to appropriating funds to match the remaining 5.0% of the project cost in accordance and consistent with the regulations and policies governing the FAA- AIP program and the NMDOT – Aviation Division grant conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the governing body of the City of Las Vegas hereby adopts and approves this resolution and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Las Vegas to execute all documents related to the project and directs staff to take actions necessary to implement and fund this resolution and project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

Mayor

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

5. Approval of Grant Application through the Department of Public Safety for the Las Vegas Police Department.
6. Approval of Grant Application through the New Mexico's Attorney General's Office for the Las Vegas Police Department.
7. Approval of Grant Application through the Department of Justice for the Las Vegas Police Department.
8. Approval to accept State funds through the Department of Finance and Administration.
9. Approval of Grant Application through the Wal-Mart Foundation for the Las Vegas Police Department.
10. Approval to purchase a Camel 900 Sewer catch basin cleaner truck.
11. Approval of Resolution No. 17-30 for drinking water loan No. 3624-DW for the Cabin Site Tank Rehabilitation.

Resolution 17-30 was presented as follows:

Due to length of document, a complete copy of Resolution 17-30 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

12. Approval to award request for bids #2018-4 for Clarifloc C-358 Polymer for the Water Treatment Plant to Polydyne, Inc.
13. Approval to award request for bids #2018-5 for liquid aluminum sulfate for the Water Treatment Plant to Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read in to the record. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Conduct a public hearing and Approval/Disapproval to adopt Ordinance #17-10, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for property.

Councilor Howell made a motion to go in to Public Hearing. Councilor Casey and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez asked anyone who wished to speak on the issue, to please stand and be sworn in. Maria Perea and Joe Coca were sworn in.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Maria Perea advised that Joe C. & Marcella A. Coca, owners of four lots known as 2307, 2309, 2311 and 2313 Dahlia Street, Las Vegas, NM appeared before the Las Vegas Planning and Zoning Commission on August 28, 2017. Mr. and Mrs. Coca are requesting that said property be re-zoned from the present R-2 (Multi-Residential Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone.) The applicant's intent is to have lots available for lease or sale for the placement in the R-3 zoning.

Councilor Howell asked if there were any rejections from neighbors regarding the zone change on Dahlia Street and asked how many participants replied to the notice of the zone change.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Perea advised that at the time of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, one neighbor recommended approving the zone change. She informed that most of the Dahlia Street area had already been

re-zoned to an R-3 and stated that thirteen notices had been distributed and one person attended the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting.

Councilor Casey made a motion to accept the record proper. Councilor Romero and Councilor Howell seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to close Public Hearing and to reconvene in to Regular Session. Councilor Romero and Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Casey made a motion to approve to adopt Ordinance #17-10, amendment to the Official Zoning Map for property. Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. and Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Ordinance 17-10 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 17-10**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM AN R-2 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE) TO AN R-3 (MIXED RESIDENTIAL ZONE) FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2307, 2309, 2311 AND 2313 DAHLIA STREET, LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO AS REQUESTED BY JOE C. & MARCELLA A. COCA (APPLICANTS/OWNERS).

WHEREAS, Joe C. & Marcella A. Coca have applied for an amendment to the official zoning map for properties located at 2307, 2308, 2311 and 2313 Dahlia Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico pursuant to provisions of the Las Vegas City Zoning Ordinance, and;

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2017 the City of Las Vegas Planning and Zoning Commission, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the amendment of the Official Zoning Map to re-zone the properties located at 2307, 2308, 2311 and 2313 Dahlia Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico from an R-2 (Multi-Family Residential Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone) and on August 28, 2017 adopted a motion recommending approval of the proposed amendment.

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2017, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby **GRANTS** the amendment to the Official Zoning Map by re-zoning and changing the district classification of certain property located at 2307, 2309, 2311 and 2313 Dahlia Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico from an R-2 (Multi-Family Residential Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone), and more fully described as follows:

Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 4, Luis Encinias Subdivision, as highlighted on attached Lot Line Adjustment Plat # 016-145, completed by Winston & Associates, LLC, and recorded at the San Miguel County Clerk's Office on November 16, 2016, Plat Book 73, Page 35.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby adopts the following findings of fact upon which the Council's decision is based:

1. The boundaries of the zones established by the City's Ordinances, the classification of property herein, or other provisions of said Ordinances may be amended whenever public necessity, convenience, or general welfare require.
2. That duly public notice and public hearings were in accordance with the legal requirements and a site plan for the zone change has been provided which is acceptable to the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Tonita Gurulé-Girón, Mayor

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED
AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY**

Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

2. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution #17-36 to donate a 2008 Ford Ranger Hotshot Truck to the Village of Eagle Nest Senior Center.

Community Services Director Pamela Marrujo advised the City of Las Vegas Senior Center Department received 5 new Hotshot Trucks, through an appropriation, within the last 3 months and this vehicle is no longer being used by the City of Las Vegas Senior Center.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve of Resolution 17-36 to donate a 2008 Ford Ranger Hotshot Truck to the Village of Eagle Nest Senior Center. Councilor Casey seconded the motion.

Resolution 17-36 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-36

A RESOLUTION DONATING ONE 2008 FORD RANGER HOTSHOT TRUCK BELONGING TO THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS TO THE VILLAGE OF EAGLE NEST SENIOR CENTER AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS SENIOR CENTER TO DONATE SAID PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE OF EAGLE NEST SENIOR CENTER, EAGLE NEST, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas wishes to donate to the Eagle Nest Senior Center, described as follows:

1. 2008 Ford Ranger Hotshot Truck VIN # 1FTYRH40BPA84128

WHEREAS, the following described item is property, which is excess and not needed for any essential government function, it is no longer being used by the City of Las Vegas Senior Center Department.

WHEREAS, when this property is donated to another agency, it shall be understood that the property listed above **may** or **may not** meet current standards. The City of Las Vegas shall not be responsible for any cost associated with bringing said equipment up to standards, and the City of Las Vegas shall be released from any liability associated with this equipment.

WHEREAS, the receiving agency accepts this equipment on an "AS IS" basis, and accepts any and all costs associated with bringing said equipment up to standards prior to placing equipment in to service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, that the above described item belonging to the City of Las Vegas Senior Center Department is hereby declared excess property and not needed for any City purpose of function and that said property should be donated.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

CITY OF LAS VEGAS:

TONITA GURULE-GIRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Approved as to Legal Sufficiency Only

Corinna Laszlo-Henry, City Attorney

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Barbara A. Casey	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval to appoint Renee Garcia as Community Development Director.

City Manager Trujillo advised that as per City of Las Vegas Municipal Charter, Article V, Section 5.07 C. The city manager shall appoint department directors, subject to approval by the Governing Body.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. made a motion to approve to appoint Renee Garcia as Community Development Director. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Councilor Casey asked if she could explain her vote before casting it. She stated that she would like the applicant to know that her vote did not reflect on her personally, that it reflected her strong disapproval in the manner in which the process was done, she did not approve or like it, and that it was her personal opinion. Councilor Casey advised that she was going to vote no for that reason and for that reason only.

David L. Romero	No	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	No

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that there was a tie.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that she voted yes to approve to appoint Renee Garcia as Community Development Director.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that the motion carried.

Renee Garcia thanked members of the Governing Body for the opportunity to serve the community and the Governing Body as Community Development Director.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

Councilor Romero reported that he was concerned of safety issues regarding a sidewalk in the area near South Pacific Park where there had been repairs to a light pole.

City Manager Trujillo advised that he would look in to the issues of the sidewalk as advised.

Councilor Casey asked for the status of the needed signage regarding the use of Jake Brakes by semis on 7th and 8th Streets, which she had requested 2 months ago and advised that she was still receiving calls about that issue.

City Manager Trujillo advised that Chief Montano had spoken to the traffic engineer from the Highway Department and that the engineer would be submitting information to the City.

Councilor Casey advised she had received calls from individuals coming to the Community Development Department requesting building permits and had been sent to Santa Fe, and she wanted to know the reason as to why.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Perea advised that the reason customers were being sent to Santa Fe was due to no longer having a Building Inspector here at the City since December and informed that the City had an agreement with the State and that the City gives zoning approval for building permits, sends them to C.I.D. in Santa Fe or Albuquerque where they are issued permits. She added that the State performs inspections here usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays or when needed.

Councilor Casey asked if there was a way that Community Development could call Santa Fe so that people could avoid driving there.

Planning and Zoning Coordinator Perea advised that she was trying to find ways to address this issue and stated that she had been in communication with C.I.D. in Santa Fe and was still waiting on a reply.

Councilor Casey asked if the issues regarding the curb on 644 Rio Arriba had been resolved.

City Manager Trujillo advised that the curb had been repainted and issue had been resolved.

Councilor Casey advised that she was approached by several concerned parents who had informed her that there was not a YAFL program at the Recreation Center and were told by the department that there was no interest from the community. Councilor Casey stated that there were four teams from Las Vegas driving to Santa Fe to participate in YAFL and saw that as a loss of revenue for the City, an annoyance, a hassle and expensive for parents and she thought that it might happen with YABL as well.

City Manager Trujillo stated that the "norm" today, was traveling teams (Travel League) and advised that coaches recruit from our kids, put together teams and travel to Santa Fe and advised that Little League was doing the same. City Manager Trujillo informed that they attempted to start a flag football program although did not turn out well and had seen dwindling in participation in the YAFL program for the last five years. City Manager Trujillo informed that he and Community Services Director Marrujo had met with Ann Marie Villegas who oversaw the Santa Fe League and was committed to help the City establish a

Northern league to include, Las Vegas, Mora, the Valley, Santa Rosa, Taos and Raton.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that the Youth Committee had been having some difficulties regarding members and replacements would eventually be made.

Councilor Casey reported that she was very fortunate of having the opportunity recently to ride along with Sergeant Mike Lopez, who was extremely professional and was honored and stated that she learned from this experience. Councilor Casey stated that Sergeant Lopez was very observant regarding identifying a vehicle involved in a crime as that is the practice of all the officers. Councilor Casey advised that the people from the community they spoke to were very respectful of the Police and thankful to them and explained that Sergeant Lopez dealt with a troubled young woman and handled it sensitively, was kind and professional. Councilor Casey advised that she was very impressed and felt very safe on the ride-along and stated that she had trust in our Police Officers due to them being professional, well trained, and sensitive to the needs of the community. Councilor Casey requested of Chief Montano to allow her to participate in a ride-along again, possibly on a different shift and thanked Chief Montano and Sergeant Lopez for the opportunity.

Councilor Howell made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, September 25th, at 6:00 p.m. and stated "the purpose will be to approve or disapprove a special audit by the State Auditor's Office to include all findings of the special audit, be shared with the office of the state auditors and also the office of the State Attorney General". Councilor Howell advised that he would call the State Auditor's Office tomorrow to see if they could make a presentation to Council regarding this special audit.

City Manager Trujillo asked if the audit was for every department.

Councilor Howell advised that it was for the concerns that would be listed.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised Councilor Howell that he could not make a motion at this time although he could make a request.

Councilor Howell informed that he confirmed with the Municipal League and was informed that he was able to make a motion during Councilors' Reports.

City Attorney Corinna Laszlo-Henry advised that her understanding from prior counsel, Danelle Smith when acting, discussion had taken place regarding a motion for a Special Meeting could be made during Councilors' Reports and added that she was deferring to Danelle Smith's opinion and research although she was not exactly clear on the motion.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated if requesting that these individuals be present, we would have to find out if they were willing to participate in that meeting.

Councilor Howell explained that was the reason he would be calling the State Auditor's Office to confirm.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón stated that she would first confirm that they were willing to participate and if they would be available on that date before setting an actual date.

Councilor Howell advised that even without the presentation he would still want to have the Special Meeting in order for Council to have the opportunity to vote on it, whether to approve or disapprove.

Councilor Casey advised that she seconded the motion.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked City Attorney Laszlo-Henry to add to that.

City Attorney Laszlo-Henry stated that she did not know what a special audit was or enough to know that the motion had the specificity required.

Councilor Howell advised that he had been asking throughout the year if we could have a forensic audit completed and stated that he had asked the regular audit company that was here, if they could complete a forensic audit and was informed by them that they did not do forensic audits. Councilor Howell stated he thought a forensic audit was to review our budgets and departments to see where we stood financially.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked Finance Director Gallegos if the same company that the City hires, takes this report to the State Auditor's Office.

Finance Director Gallegos replied yes that the report would be taken to the State Auditor's Office.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised Councilor, that they would be discussing essentially the same report that he received.

Councilor Howell advised that he would like a special audit done by the State Auditor's Office and stated that he believed that his motion had been seconded.

City Manager Trujillo advised that he wanted to hear what Finance Director Gallegos had to say about the issue.

Finance Director Gallegos informed that the auditors would be here Monday morning to continue with the audit process for 2017, and that the State Auditor's Office would refer any issues or concerns anyone may have to the regular auditors.

Councilor Casey stated that speaking from her prior experience as Superintendent at Hondo, she had requested a special audit through State Auditor's Office, and the process used was that they had the school board vote for the special audit and after the approval, she contacted the State Auditor's Office and was told that they would prepare the scope of work for an independent auditor not the same auditor that does the usual audit.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked who would pay for the audit.

Councilor Casey informed that under state law, when the State Auditor's Office is contacted, the entity making the request pays for it and the funding has to be found. Councilor Casey informed that when she was Superintendent that was the process taken when needing independent auditors to review the budget, books and record keeping when the school's budget was not in good standing.

Mayor Gurulé-Girón advised that there was a motion and a second motion.

City Attorney Laszlo-Henry advised that there may be an issue with notice in terms of getting a publication for a Special Meeting and that there should be 72 hour notice for the Optic's publication.

Councilor Howell informed Mr. Brooks from the Optic that they would get that information to him.

City Clerk Fresquez stated that she had a motion by Councilor Howell to call for a Special meeting on Monday the 25th of September for approval of a Special Audit by the State Auditor's Office and stated that she had second by Councilor Casey.

Brief discussion took place regarding that the audit would be for the year 2017.

Councilor Howell stated that before he made his vote, he would like his motion to specify that the results of the audit be shared with the State Auditor's Office and also the Attorney General's Office and that his vote was yes.

Barbara A. Casey	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	No

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.

Councilor Howell advised that he would contact City Clerk Fresquez to obtain the form so that we can request the Special Meeting.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that the Special Meeting had just been approved with the majority of the Council's vote.

Councilor Ulibarri, Jr. requested more police protection on the West side of town near Rodriguez Park due to there being speeding vehicles going through Salazar Street and National Avenue after night games and thanked all Directors and City employees for all their hard work this summer.

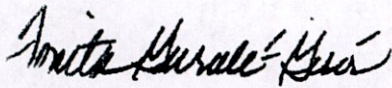
Brief discussion took place regarding constituents needing to make appointments to speak with Mayor Gurulé-Girón and City Manager Trujillo.

ADJOURN

Councilor Casey made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Gurulé-Girón asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

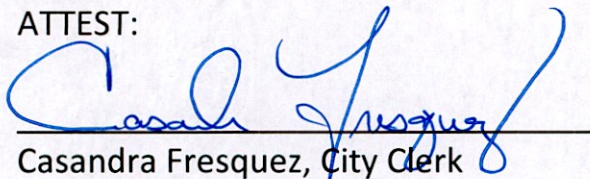
Vincent Howell	Yes	Barbara A. Casey	Yes
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised that the motion carried.



Mayor Tonita Gurulé-Girón

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk